GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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AMOUNT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum percentage of total amount of the gross agricultural production spent by the Union Government every year for purposes of research and development works for development and expansion of agriculture in the country;

(b) the details of the expenditure incurred during the last three years for this purpose, year-wise;

(c) whether various committees have recommended for at least one percent of expenditure for the said purpose; and

(d) if so, the names of these committees alongwith the action taken by the Government for implementing the said recommendations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) : The percentage of total amount of the Agricultural Gross Domestic Product spent as well as annual expenditure incurred including plan and non-plan by the Department are as under :

Year	%age of AGDP spent	Expenditure (Rs. in Crore) Plan	Non-Plan
1998-1999	0.214	436.92	516.54
1999-2000	0.245	498.47	790.62
2000-2001	0.294	549.48	703.64

(c) & (d) : The Working Group on Agricultural Research and Education constituted by the Planning Commission have recommended atleast 1% of AGDP be spent on agricultural research and education. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture have also reiterated this recommendation in their reports.